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Bill No. DoD draft bill from Report No. OMB Companion No. Title: Social and Economic Program Adjustment Act of 1983Subject: raise dollar thresholds in DoD contracts triggering various
social and economic program requirementsAmends. various existing social and economic program statutesContacts: Greg Jones (OMB-395-3802)Conclusion: ☒ No Agency objection☐ Agency objection and/or needs amendment

Analysis: The purpose of this draft bill, prepared by the Department of Defense, is to amend various statutes implementing social and economic programs vis a vis DoD contracts so as to raise the dollar thresholds in the contracts which trigger the programs' involvement. The areas to be affected are: Davis-Bacon Act, Service Contract Act of 1965, employment of the handicapped, Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act, affirmative action for veterans, access to records by the Comptroller General, purchases of items composed of recoverable materials and contract opportunities for small business concerns.

The only Agency interest in this legislation would be to obtain similar benefits if DoD is ultimately successful and if the Agency is subject to similar restrictions. Accordingly, no Agency action is required at this time.

Generally, the thresholds is being raised from \$10K to \$25K. In the case of certain petroleum purchases, however, it is being raised to \$100K. The justifications are inflation and the resulting freeing up of resources to devote to the large contracts' monitoring and enforcement.

1/17. Sent to for comment. Response due at OMB 2/4/83

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1/26. I called Greg Jones at OMB and told him that there were no Agency objections to the legislation. had reviewed and indicated that L&PD had no objections and that their clients supported it.

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